



The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Calendar of Events

Mar 1, 9:00-12:00	Pruning Training, Norfolk Master Gardeners, Norfolk Botanical Gardens
Mar 3, 9:00-12:00	Pruning Training, Isle of Wight, Surry and Southampton Master Gardeners, see page 4
Mar 5, 8:15-3:00	2005 Horticultural Extravaganza, York High School, 9300 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, see page 3
Mar 7, 6:30	4-H Lawn Mowing, St. Luke's Methodist Church
Mar 9, 9:00-2:00	Safeguarding Animal Health in VA training – State Priority
Mar 10, 10:00-4:00	Unit Coordinators Meeting, Jamestown 4-H Center
Mar 14, 6:30	4-H Lawn Mowing, St. Luke's Methodist Church
Mar 16, 12:00-1:00	HearSay Gardening Radio Show on WHRO 89.5 FM
Mar 17, 9:30	Peninsula Master Gardener Training planning meeting, York Extension Office
Mar 18, 9:00-3:00	Commercial Pesticide Recertification, Virginia Beach
Mar 21, 6:30	4-H Lawn Mowing, St. Luke's Methodist Church
Mar 28, 6:30	4-H Lawn Mowing, St. Luke's Methodist Church
Apr 3-5,	Williamsburg Garden Symposium, Colonial Williamsburg
Apr 6, 6:30	Plant Health Clinic
Apr 12, 6:30	Plant Health Clinic
Apr 16, 8:00-3:00	Gardening 2005, Christopher Newport University

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940, or Byrdie Hawley at 898-6175 or E-mail dabhawley@cox.net (Put Green Thumb in the subject line). The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15th of the month, no exception. (Except for the March issue: please have your items in by February 5th so I can do it before our Africa trip.)

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Master Gardener Mission Statement

Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.

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Notes from Jim

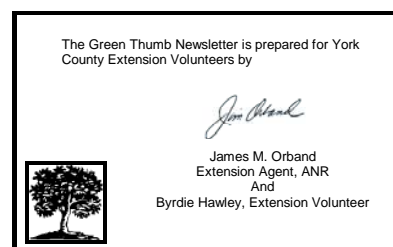
Thank you to all Master Gardeners who came to the office while I was in California and Jody was on medical leave. Your presence in the office kept us available to the public during this time. Also thanks to Judy Kemp from the Newport News Extension Office for her assistance. When I returned, there were several calls to return; but I reviewed quite a few of the calls logged in as being answered and there were some great responses.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and your professional conduct.

We need your help to locate the Horticultural Extravaganza Coordinators Notebook. It is packed full of details to organize the Extravaganza. Please return the notebook or let us know if you know where it is. Call Jim at 890-4940, or Ellen Calle at 868-1207.

The 2005 Pest Management Guides have arrived. If you requested a publication or a CD, they are in the front office. Please come pick them up.

Joel Bunn reported to the Extension Office on January 10 as the Extension Agent, 4-H. We are pleased to welcome Joel to the York Extension Office. I will be taking Joel around to meet many people and to allow him to become familiar with York County.



Be sure to listen to "Gardening Hearsay" on February 16, 12:00–1:00 pm on WHRO – 89.5.

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Welcome to 2005 everyone!! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are anxious to dive in and get involved with the many, many MG programs going on in the next few months. The Pruning Team is all trained and ready for their clinics, the Learning Garden is working on some new hardscape, the MG Interns are all working hard on their committees and I'd say we're off to a great start! And in addition to all of this, Jim is surviving (barely) without Jody. Thank you to all of the MGs who helped to keep the office open during the holidays. I would like to thank Judy Lange for stepping forward and offering to become "Keeper of the Hours". She has been trained and is ready for you to submit your hours! Be sure and make note of her email for those who send their hours in via email. You might make note on your calendars that we will have our General Membership meeting on April 12, 9:30 – 12:00, at St. Luke's. I am in search of suggestions of what you might like to hear a speaker address. So if you have a topic, please let Jim or me know. See you on February 8th at 9:30 at St. Luke's for our Programming Meeting. These meeting are very informational and I encourage each of you to try to attend. They are almost always on the second Tuesday of each month. Have fun looking through those nursery books, planning your gardens, and waiting for the thaw! **Terry Hanson, Coordinator**

The New Year Brings a New Hours Record Keeper

Judy Lange is taking over the task of recording master gardener hours from Terry Hanson. Judy's email address is dlange@infionline.net or you can still turn your time sheets in at the office. If you have any questions, please give her a call at 868-7183.

Learning Garden Notes:

Needed Items: rocks for the streambed, discarded mini-blinds (for plant ID's)
The Plant Sale is May 7 – be potting up some plants **now** for the sale.

Horticultural Therapy Notes:

Needed items: laundry soap bottle and aerosol can caps, floral foam, wire, tape, etc. The February session will be **February 22, 2005 at 10:15 AM at York Convalescent Center.**

Contact Brenda Bradshaw to volunteer: 898-4733 or email C.Bradshaw@att.net.

2005 Horticultural Extravaganza

Date: March 5th, 2005 (Saturday)

Time: 8:15am - 3:00pm

Place: York High School, 9300 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, VA

This year's NEW LOCATION will allow us to expand the class options as well as increase the number of exhibitors and vendors!!!

The daylong event will present a wide choice of horticultural topics such as annuals and perennials, vegetables and fruits, garden structures, landscaping, and gardening on our Peninsula. Both novice and advanced gardeners will find topics of interest. Lunch is included in the cost.

Approximately 50 MGs have volunteered to help with the Extravaganza but you need to identify which committees you wish to serve on. Please select from the list below and contact the specific committee chairperson.

Committee Chairpersons:

Tickets and Registration: Jackie Lohr

Facilities: Bill Calle

Posters: Lily Lach

Lunch: Sybil Przypek

Moderators: Karen Ward

Evaluations: Martha Wilkins

Finance: Julie Rolston

Equipment: Jim Robertson

Copying: Laurice Becker (with Dan Hawley)

Hospitality: Judy Lange

Exhibitors: Lynn Tertychny

If you have any questions, or suggestions, please contact the Horticultural Extravaganza Coordinator, Ellen Calle, at e.calle@cox.net or 868-1207.

On-Site Plant Health Clinics

Spring is around the corner and that means it's time for the On-Site Plant Health Clinics. These clinics involve citizens in a hands-on educational program in their neighborhood and teach correct horticultural practices for their landscapes. Extension staff will present a brief review of existing county-wide problems and then walk around with residents to observe, diagnose, and recommend remedies for landscape problems. A Question and Answer period will close the clinic.

DATES: April 6, 12, 28 **TIME:** 6:30-7:45 pm **LOCATION:** York County - various landscapes
May 4, 17, 26

The schedule will be posted in March 2005. To assist with clinics please contact Rebecca Cho at 565-7050 or tombeccacho@cox.net. Also needed is a recommendation for an upper York County site.

Check out this website for information on the 2005 International Master Gardener Conference in Saskatchewan: www.mastergardener2005.usask.ca

2005 Pruning Team

We had a very successful Advanced Pruning Team Training on January 10. Thirty-seven Master Gardeners attended the classroom session from York, James City County, Newport News and Hampton.

There are still a few opportunities left for Pruning Team members to fulfill their commitment as leads and assistants for public training classes. If you can volunteer for any of the following, please contact Trudy Edwards at 220-6723. Thank you to all who have signed up so far.

Leads Needed:

Feb 22, 05, 10:00-12:30, Chesapeake Master Gardeners

Assistants Needed: (number of volunteers needed in parenthesis)

Feb 5, 05, 10:00-12:00, True Value Hardware, Route 17, Grafton (1)

Feb 22, 05, 10:00-12:30, Chesapeake Master Gardeners (4)

Mar 1, 05, 9:00-12:00, Norfolk Master Gardeners, Norfolk Botanical Gardens (2)

Mar 3, 05, 9:00-12:00, Isle of Wight, Surry and Southampton Master Gardeners, HRAEWRC (2)

2005 Pruning Clinic Schedule

- ❖ Sat., Jan. 29, 10:00-12:00, Homeowner Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic, TBA (rain date Sat., Feb. 5)
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 5, 10:00-12:00, True Value Hardware, Route 17, Grafton
- ❖ Tue, Feb. 8, 8:00 AM, Kingspoint Garden Club
- ❖ Thur., Feb 10, 7:00 PM, Kiln Creek Recreation Center
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 12, 10:00-12:00, Upper Bruton District
- ❖ Tue., Feb. 15, 9:00-12:00, Pruning Training, Newport News Grounds Employees, TBA
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 19, 10:00-12:00, Tabb Area
- ❖ Tue., Feb. 22, 10:00-12:30, Pruning Training, Chesapeake Master Gardeners, Chesapeake Central Library, 298 Cedar Road
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 26, 10:00-12:00, Ken Mathews Nursery, Route 17, Grafton
- ❖ Tue., Mar. 1, 9:00-12:00, Pruning Training, Norfolk Master Gardeners, Norfolk Botanical Gardens
- ❖ Thur., Mar. 3, 9:00-12:00, Pruning Training, Isle of Wight, Surry and Southampton Master Gardeners, HRAERC
- ❖ Sept/Oct, Pruning Training, 2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training

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Jan 30	Jan 31 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course: See December Issue - Page 4	1 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course	2 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course www.mahsc.org	3 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course; Learning Garden Meeting-Page 4	4	5 10:00-12:00 Pruning Clinic – True Value Hardware, Rt 17
6	7	8 8AM-Pruning – See page 4 9:30-11:30 Monthly Planning Meeting	9	10 7:00PM - Pruning –See page 4	11 9:30-11:00 Hort Extrav planning meeting, York HS	12 10:00-12:00 - Pruning, Cherwell Ct (Banbury Cross) –See page 4
13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 9:00-12:00 Pruning Training – See Page 4	16 12:00-1:00 WHRO-89.5 “GARDENING HEARSAY”	17	18 Commercial Pest- icide Recertifica- tion Northhampton Community Center, Hampton	19 10:00-12:00 Pruning, Artillery Rd (Marlbank Farms) – See Page 4
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